



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 1959 - SB 2370

February 22, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013956):** Requires, by the 2023-24 school year, each state college of applied technology (TCAT) to establish partnerships with each Local Education Agency (LEA) that is located in the county of a main TCAT campus in order to provide early post-secondary opportunities for high school students enrolled in the LEA's, such as dual enrollment, dual credit, middle college program, or a combination of such. Authorizes the program opportunities to be provided through traditional classroom instruction, online or virtual instruction, blended learning, or other educationally appropriate methods. Encourages the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) to establish a TCAT in each county within the state in order to expand TCAT programs to all high school students.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Other Fiscal Impact – Due to the extent of unknown variables, a precise increase in local government expenditures, if any, cannot be reasonably determined; any increase to local expenditures is considered permissive.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Education, LEAs and TCATs could form partnerships within existing resources; however, depending on the extent of those partnership there could be an unknown cost to an LEA. For example, if an LEA expands a course which requires the purchase of new equipment, the LEA would incur additional expenditures.
- The precise increase and timing in local expenditures are dependent upon each unique partnership and each LEA's required needs and cannot be reasonably determined.
- While a partnership is required, the extent of such partnership and the extent of an LEAs funding is dependent on the terms of the partnership agreement; therefore, any increase in local expenditures is considered permissive.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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